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In New York and Chicago, prices were unchanged. In most other locations, prices were lower on all sizes. The market tone was mixed, but was mostly barely steady to weak. Demand into all outlets was light to moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for trade needs. Breaking stock demand was light to moderate for fully adequate supplies. Light type fowl were ample to burdensome for irregular schedules.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 3 cents lower on the larger sizes and unchanged to 4.5 cents lower for mediums; in Boston, prices were unchanged to 6 cents lower on the larger sizes and unchanged to 7 cents lower on mediums, when based on previous week average pricing. In New England, prices were unchanged. The market tone was mixed. Demand was slightly improved in some locations and ranged light to moderate. Supplies of all sizes were fully adequate to available. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were ample to burdensome.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. The market tone was mixed. Demand was slightly improved and ranged light to moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to available.

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. The trade sentiment steady. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, and best where features are planned or in progress. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for all sizes.

MIDWEST Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged with prices in other areas sharply lower when compared to last week. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Cartoned egg sales were light to instances moderate with food service movement fair to instances good. Supplies were fully adequate to ample with a few processors reporting supplies as closely balanced. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Most breakers were working from current inventories and were not actively seeking additional heavy nest runs. Offerings were fully adequate with demand quiet. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady at the current quoted range.

SOUTHERN Prices were lower on all sizes in Atlanta and Florida. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The trade sentiment was mixed. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to ample for trade needs. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending June 1, 2001 was 62.61 cents, 0.79 cents more than a week ago and 11.37 cents more than the same week last year. Breaking stock demand was light to moderate for usually fully adequate offerings. Light type fowl were ample to burdensome for a fair demand.

WESTERN Prices throughout the region 5 cents lower on jumbo, 6 cents lower on extra large and large, and 9 cents lower on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 12% lower than last week with California down 13% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 11%. Retailer demand mainly moderate, best where features planned. Offerings in better balance within the region, still ample outside.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	94-96	81-83	63-65
New York	59-61	56-59	39-42
Philadelphia	57-62	55-60	38-43.5
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	54-55	52.5-54	36-37
Jackson (1)	61-62	58-59	41-42
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	58-71	55-69	37-51
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	49-54	48-53	31-36
Detroit (2)	46-49	45-48	27-30
Major Ohio Cities (2)	47-53	46-51	28-35
Major Wisconsin Cities	50-57	48-55	31-38
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	62-73	59-70	43-53
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	87	79	66
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

CALIFORNIA Prices 5 cents lower on jumbo, 6 cents lower on extra large and large, 9 cents lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 13% lower than last week. Retailer demand moderate, best where features planned. Offerings ample. Small invoice price 46. Ads in Northern California: major-large dozen 149-179, buy 1 get 1 free, 18 pack 99, 2 for \$3.

PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	96	JUMBO	245-269
EXTRA LARGE	87	EXTRA LARGE	215-249
LARGE	79	LARGE	189-239
MEDIUM	66	MEDIUM	157-199
PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.			
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	229-289	JUMBO	245-269
EXTRA LARGE	219-259	EXTRA LARGE	215-249
LARGE	199-229	LARGE	189-239
MEDIUM	187-199	MEDIUM	157-199

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending June 08, 2001 will decrease by 2 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending June 01, 2001 were 246,454 cases which was 9 percent below the prior week and 5 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased			
present week.....	215,048	31,406	246,454
% change from the prior week.....	-9	-6	-9

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Most breakers were working from regular commitments and company owned production at this call. A few breakers seeking additional heavy nest runs were bidding lower values. Offerings were fully adequate with demand quiet. Supplies adequate to ample for current full-time schedules. Trade sentiment steady at the current quoted range.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
NEST RUN	22-25
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	6-10
CENTRAL STATES AREA:	
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI	

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLTR

WEEK OF 04-JUN-01	CENTS/LB	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
	RANGE		
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7.25-11.75	8-9	9.08

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to good for increased offerings. Processing schedules were reported as improved but normal. Finished product supplies were in a full range of about adequate to fully adequate for trade needs. The undertone was steady.

WEEK OF 04-JUN-01	CENTS/LB	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
	RANGE		
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-10.5	7-9	8.53
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM June 4, 2001

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.0	17.6	6.7	10.5	11.8	55.6
	Change	-0.2	0.9	-1.1	-0.9	2.8	3%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	29.2	52.3	14.4	30.7	20.5	147.1
	Change	-0.7	5.9	-0.4	2.8	0.0	5%
Large	Curr Wk	38.6	84.4	77.6	78.2	78.6	357.4
	Change	-4.6	-13.6	6.6	3.8	-21.5	-8%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.6	40.9	17.6	25.4	24.8	121.3
	Change	-3.4	6.4	-1.1	-4.6	-1.9	-4%
Small	Curr Wk	5.6	5.4	3.2	6.0	6.6	26.8
	Change	0.4	0.7	0.2	-0.1	-0.3	3%
Misc	Curr Wk	6.3	23.4	4.2	8.9	6.0	48.8
	Change	0.7	6.6	1.0	-0.8	0.9	21%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	24.6	68.6	24.8	24.1	28.3	170.4
	Change	2.7	12.8	7.1	0.2	-4.4	12%
Total	Curr Wk	125.9	292.6	148.5	183.8	176.6	927.4
Percent	Change	-4%	7%	9%	0%	-12%	0%
TOTAL			Number of Cases	Percent Change		Number of Cooperators	

Shell Egg	927.4	0%	172
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Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	328.2	6%	38
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Total Shell Egg	1,255.6	2%	210
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1/Information is supplied by a universe of 172 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

CANADIAN EGGS

MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 21, 2001.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	178.8	175.8	166.7	113.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING MAY 21, 2001 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	139	139	129	77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JUNE 01, 2001**CURRENT LOADS** 34.25**FUTURE LOADS** 53.75**TOTAL LOADS** 88.00

		SE		NE		MW		LOADS				SC		NW		SW		LOADS		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST
GNR W 1	30.00	—	30.50	32.00	28.25	30.00	25.00		GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10.00		
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00		GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00		
GL W XL	—	—	—	—	32.00	—	16.00		GL W XL	—	—	—	—	39.00	43.50	6.50				
GL W LG	—	—	36.00	37.00	—	—	8.75		GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.25		
GL W MD	—	—	18.00	20.00	23.00	—	3.00		GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	29.50	1.00			
GL W SM	23.00	25.50	22.00	23.50	—	—	2.00													
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00													
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	24.17	26.73	25.25													

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 05/28/01-06/01/01**CURRENT LOADS** 138.25**FUTURE LOADS** 104.25**TOTAL LOADS** 242.50

		SE		NE		MW		LOADS				SC		NW		SW		LOADS		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST
GNR W 1	33.33	35.20	35.25	36.18	27.83	30.00	66.00	GNR W 1	—	40.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15.00		
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	11.00	GNR W 2	—	31.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7.00		
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	GNR W 4	—	23.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00		
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	20.00	—	1.00	GL W XL	—	39.71	—	—	—	39.26	43.25	17.50				
GNR BR 1	—	—	36.50	38.00	—	—	2.00	GL W LG	—	36.12	—	—	—	36.00	39.69	14.00				
GL W XL	—	—	43.00	41.00	32.35	—	33.25	GL W MD	—	26.00	—	—	—	26.50	30.45	4.25				
GL W LG	—	—	32.20	32.57	27.21	35.00	26.00	GL W SM	23.00	—	—	—	—	—	29.50	1.00				
GL W MD	—	—	19.50	21.20	23.00	36.00	9.00													
GL W SM	23.00	25.50	21.00	23.50	22.00	24.00	8.00													
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	22.00	24.50	7.00													
NRBS - 48	—	23.50	—	—	23.11	25.19	46.25													
NRBS - 45	—	21.50	—	—	18.60	21.50	5.00													
NRBS - 39	15.00	16.00	—	—	—	13.00	12.00													

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

CORRECTIONS FOR CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA ON PAGES 4 AND 5**NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 05/20/01 - 05/26/01**

State	# Cases Shipped To		# Cases Shipped To		# Cases Shipped To		Total State
	Northern,	CA	Central,	CA	Southern,	CA	
Colorado		0		1,620		7,353	8,973
Indiana		0		0		1,810	1,810
Iowa		3,900		0		31,091	34,991
Maine		0		0		800	800
Minnesota		0		2,370		3,758	6,128
Mississippi		0		0		924	924
Missouri		0		0		2,182	2,182
New Hampshire		0		0		950	950
New Jersey		0		0		720	720
New York		0		0		500	500
Ohio		0		820		830	1,650
Oregon		2,374		6,703		0	9,077
Pennsylvania		0		0		780	780
Utah		3,950		5,687		2,554	12,191
Washington		0		576		0	576
Wisconsin		0		0		1,110	1,110
TOTAL		10,224		17,776		55,362	83,362
SHIPPED TO MILITARY		0		0		0	0
SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY		10,224		17,776		55,362	83,362

NEW ENGLAND

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
112-115	75-78	62-65	44-47	17-20

DETROIT EGGS

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
54-57	45-51	43-48	25-30	24-28

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	05/28/01	05/21/01	05/29/00
PACIFIC COAST	306	340	449
LOS ANGELES	248	305	359

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
72.41	70.10	52.41	44.51

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
27-29	9-11	8-10

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

LOCAL EGG MARKET PRICES AND INVENTORY FROM LOCAL PRODUCERS ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF PUBLICATION

Receipts from the mainland: 5/20/01-5/26/01
 30-dozen cases 4,644
 Receipts from the mainland: 5/13/01-5/19/01
 30-dozen cases 4,565

CORRECTION**NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 04/29/01 - 05/05/01**

State	# Cases Shipped To		# Cases Shipped To		# Cases Shipped To		Total State
	Northern,	CA	Central,	CA	Southern,	CA	
Arkansas		0		0		500	500
Colorado		0		0		11,968	11,968
Indiana		0		0		850	850
Iowa		810		0		26,407	27,217
Minnesota		0		0		12,498	12,498
Missouri		0		780		13,960	14,740
Nevada		0		0		396	396
New Hampshire		0		0		780	780
Ohio		0		780		12,796	13,576
Oregon		2,060		0		0	2,060
Tennessee		0		0		840	840
Texas		0		0		7,840	7,840
Utah		3,226		5,910		9,528	18,664
Washington		0		0		900	900
Wisconsin		760		654		720	2,134
TOTAL		6,856		8,124		99,983	114,963
SHIPPED TO MILITARY		0		0		0	0
SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY		6,856		8,124		99,983	114,963

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CORRECTIONS**NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 05/06/01 - 05/12/01**

State	# Cases Shipped To		# Cases Shipped To		# Cases Shipped To		Total State
	Northern,	CA	Central,	CA	Southern,	CA	
Colorado		0		0		1,672	1,672
Indiana		0		0		1,700	1,700
Iowa		4,762		1,728		17,683	24,173
Michigan		0		0		840	840
Minnesota		500		0		7,310	7,810
Missouri		0		0		11,297	11,297
Montana		0		0		357	357
New Hampshire		0		0		810	810
New Jersey		0		0		800	800
New York		0		0		950	950
Ohio		0		0		4,210	4,210
Oregon		1,230		2,774		0	4,004
South Carolina		0		0		1,900	1,900
Texas		0		0		3,265	3,265
Utah		6,552		3,651		2,294	12,497
Washington		30		0		1,860	1,890
Wisconsin		0		0		12	12
TOTAL		13,074		8,153		56,960	78,187
SHIPPED TO MILITARY		0		0		0	0
SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY		13,074		8,153		56,960	78,187

NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 05/13/01 - 05/19/01

State	# Cases Shipped To		# Cases Shipped To		# Cases Shipped To		Total State
	Northern,	CA	Central,	CA	Southern,	CA	
Arkansas		0		1,200		0	1,200
Colorado		0		0		810	810
Georgia		0		0		834	834
Iowa		1,489		1,600		23,727	26,816
Michigan		0		0		830	830
Minnesota		0		1,560		3,480	5,040
Mississippi		0		0		950	950
Missouri		0		0		2,530	2,530
Nevada		0		0		216	216
New Hampshire		0		0		1,440	1,440
Ohio		0		0		3,999	3,999
Oregon		2,029		3,132		0	5,161
Texas		0		0		1,730	1,730
Utah		1,880		3,269		4,997	10,146
Virginia		0		0		950	950
Washington		0		660		0	660
Wisconsin		0		800		0	800
TOTAL		5,398		12,221		46,493	64,112
SHIPPED TO MILITARY		0		0		0	0
SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY		5,398		12,221		46,493	64,112